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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN NEW YORK 02923

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, UNGA  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR LEONARD AND NATHANIEL HOWELL

REF: BEIRUT 3989

1. UN SECRETARIAT (LIU) HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT UN AIRCRAFT WILL FLY LEONARD AND HOWELL FROM DAMASCUS TO BEIRUT ON JULY 21. AIRCRAFT WILL LEAVE DAMASCUS AT 1000 GMT AND ARRIVE BEIRUT AT 1030 GMT. UN UNABLE TO PROVIDE AIRCRAFT JULY 20 AS IT IS REQUIRED ON THAT DAY AS BACKUP FOR WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA.
2. AS REGARDS BEIRUT SCHEDULE, LEONARD WANTS TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR PARKER BEFORE CALLS ON LEBANESE OFFICIALS. IN VIEW OF AVAILABILITY OF UN AIRCRAFT ONLY ON JULY 21, THIS REQUIRES RESCHEDULING OF THOSE APPOINTMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL, PARA 3.

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3. LIU ALSO TOLD US THAT UN SECRETARIAT HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM ERSKINE CONFIRMING READINESS TO TAKE LEONARD AND HOWELL BY HELICOPTER FROM BEIRUT TO NAQOURA ON JULY 22. CABLE STATES THAT UNIFIL WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY BEIRUT TO COORDINATE THIS TRIP.
4. WE APPRECIATE AND UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR PARKER'S

CONCERNS REGARDING POLITICAL AND SECURITY IMPLICATIONS  
OF VISIT TO SOUTH LEBANON. WE DISCUSSED THESE WITH  
DEPARTMENT AND WITH LIU. WE RECOMMEND THAT ANY FINAL  
DECISION RE THIS TRIP BE DEFERRED UNTIL LEONARD AND  
HOWELL ARRIVE IN BEIRUT. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, PREFER  
THAT ENTIRE VISIT BE GIVEN LOWEST POSSIBLE VISIBILITY.

5. AS REGARDS ONGOING TRAVEL TO AMMAN, LEONARD AND  
HOWELL PREFER TO LEAVE OPEN FOR TIME BEING WHETHER  
THIS WILL BE ON JULY 22 OR JULY 23. LEOANRD

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